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**Subject:** Selection procedure by qualifications and an optional interview for the assignment of one research grant of the duration of 1 year (possibly extendable), based on projects “WST Grant Agreement nr.101183153 (ref. Maria Sofia Randich)”, title “Development of the survey planner and fiber allocation code prototypes for WST”.

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR ASTROPHYSICS**  
ISTITUTO DI ASTROFISICA SPAZIALE E FISICA COSMICA DI MILANO

***The Director***

**In accordance with** Italian Law n. 476, dated 13 August 1984, and subsequent modifications and integrations, containing some “*Rules concerning Scholarships and PhD Fellowships in Universities*”, and, in particular, article 4;

**In accordance with** the Statute of the Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica (INAF), adopted by INAF Board on March 7th, 2011, and entered into force on May 1st, 2011 and subsequent modifications and integrations;

**In accordance with** INAF organization and functioning Regulation, approved with resolution n. 44/2012 by INAF Administrative Board on 21 June 2012 and become active on 21 July 2012, and subsequent modifications and integrations;

**In accordance with** INAF Personnel Regulation, approved with resolution n. 23/2015 by INAF Administrative Board on 11 May 2015, published on G.U.R.I. “Serie Generale” n. 253 on 30 October 2015, and adopted on 1 November 2015;

**In accordance with** Italian Law n. 240, of 30 December 2010, Article 22 on the awarding of research fellowships, and subsequent modifications and integrations;

**In accordance with** the INAF Regulations for the awarding of research fellowship approved by INAF Administrative Board on 22 June 2011 and adopted on 1 July 2011, and subsequent modifications and integrations;

**In accordance with** Italian Law n. 11, of 27 February 2015, Article 6, which extends the overall duration of research grants “asegni di ricerca”;

**In accordance with** the note of INAF Scientific Directorate prot. n. 673/2018;

**In accordance with** the guidelines for the awarding of research fellowship approved by INAF Administrative Board on 23 March 2018;

**In accordance with** the guidelines regarding the recruitment of temporary personnel, approved by INAF Board on 29 January 2019;

**In accordance with** Italian Law n. 196 of 30 June 2003 and subsequent modifications and integrations, containing the “Personal Data Protection Code”;

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**In accordance with** the Presidential Decree n. 68 of 11 February 2005, containing the “Regulation for the use of certified electronic mail, under Article 27 of Italian Law n.3 of 16 January 2003;

**In accordance with** Italian Law n. 82 of 7 March 2005 and subsequent modifications and integrations, containing the “Digital Administration Code”;

**In accordance with** the Decree of the President of Italian Republic n. 189, dated 30 July 2009, issuing the “*Regulation concerning the recognition of academic qualifications, under article 5 of Italian Law n. 148 dated 11 July 2002*” and, in particular, article 4, that:

- in comma 1, provides that:
- for “...*the recognition of qualifications for the purposes referred to in comma 2, 3, and 4, the administrations concerned send the documentation referred to in article 3, comma 2, letters a) or b, to Ministry ...*”;
- within “...*sixty days after receipt of applications, the Ministry send its reasoned opinion to the competent administration, that adopts the recognition provision...*”;
- the “...*provision is communicated to the person concerned and to the Ministry...*”;
- in comma 2, that “...*the evaluation of qualifications, for the participation to the selection procedures for the awarding of Scholarships and other benefits, resulting from the possession of those qualifications, issued or recognized by public administration, falls within the competence of the administration concerned, after obtaining the opinion of the Ministry...*”;

**Given** that the Minister of University and Research, in his interpretation of the rules contained in the Decree of the President of Italian Republic 189, dated 30 July 2009, has repeatedly clarified that the above-mentioned rules can be applied to research fellowships, assimilated for all intents to “...*other benefits...*” mentioned in article 4, comma 2, of the above-mentioned Decree;

**In accordance with** Italian Law n. 183 of 12 November 2011 and in particular Article 15 concerning replacement declarations and certificates;

**In accordance with** the Note of INAF Administrative Directorate prot. 82/DA dated 8 March 2002, containing clarifications on the awarding of research grants and fellowships by INAF Astronomical Observatories and subsequent modifications and integrations;

**In accordance with** the Note of the Director of INAF Department of Research Structures prot. n. 472/07/AC/PI of 23 January 2007 containing indications about the publication of selection calls on INAF website;

**In accordance with** MIUR Decree n. 102 of 9 March 2011, establishing the minimum grant for research fellowships;

**In accordance with** INAF Regulations for the awarding of research fellowships approved by INAF Administrative Board with resolution n. 44/2011 on 22 June 2011 and adopted on 1 July 2011, after subsequent modifications by INAF Administrative Board resolutions n. 8/2011 of 13 October 2011 and n. 2/2012 of 10 January 2012;

**In accordance with** Italian Conversion Law n. 11 of 27 February 2015 and subsequent modifications of Italian Law n. 192 of 31 December 2014 containing: “Extension of the time limits established by legal provisions” and in particular art. 6 comma 2-bis stating that “*The total duration of the working relationship established in accordance with art. 22, comma 3, of Italian Law n. 240 of 30 December 2010, is extended by two years*”;

**In accordance with** the Note of the Director of INAF Department of Research Structures prot. n.5974/2011 of 16 September 2011 having as its object “*Publication of call for application for Research Fellowships*”;

**In accordance with** INAF Statute, approved by the Administrative Board with resolution n. 42 of 25 May 2018, and entered into force on 24 September 2018;

**In accordance with** the “*Guidelines for the awarding of research fellowships*” approved by INAF Board on 29 January 2019;

**In accordance with** the Guidelines for the awarding of Research Fellowships, approved by the INAF Board on 29 January 2019, according to which INAF can award research fellowships, in line with art. 22 comma 1 of the Italian Law n. 240 of 30 December 2010, based on the following types:

- Research Training Fellowship ranging from 20.000 to 26.000 Euros;
- Postdoctoral Research Fellowship ranging from 28.000 to 32.000 Euros;
- Young Researcher Fellowship ranging from 34.000 to 38.000 Euros;
- Special Research Fellowship ranging from 20.000 to 38.000 Euros;

**In accordance with** the Resolution of INAF Board dated 29 January 2019, n.8, which approved several **“Modifications of the Guidelines for the awarding of research fellowships”**;

**Given** that in particular, article 1, comma 5, of the above-mentioned “Guidelines” provides that:

- the “...awarding of **“Research Fellowships”** is implemented through selection procedures with dedicated calls...”;
- “selection procedures could be national or local...”;
- in case of “...national calls, candidates should present a research project together with an endorsement letter by the Director of the Research Institute where they plan to accomplish the research activity...”;
- the “...project will be evaluated by the selection board, together with the scientific-professional curriculum vitae and the qualifications provided by the candidate...”;

**In accordance with** the resolution of INAF Board n. 83/2018 dated 18 September 2018 regarding the “Approval of the “Report” by INAF President specifying a “National Program for Research Fellowships” and in particular the paragraph entitled “Proposals for the revision of the defining criteria of the research fellowship program”;

**In accordance with** the Note prot. 6023, Tit. III – cl. 3, by INAF Scientific Director having as its object “Urgent call for the consideration of the contents and dispositions of the resolution n. 83/2018 concerning the awarding of research fellowships”;

**Given** the Resolution of February 3, 2020, number 6;

**In accordance with** the resolution of INAF Administrative Board n. 94 dated 29 December 2023 regarding the approval of the Annual Budget of INAF for the financial year 2024;

**Given** the Decree of the Minister of University and Research of 4 October 2024, number 593, with which Professor Roberto RAGAZZONI was appointed President of the "National Institute of Astrophysics”;

**In accordance with** the resolution n. 56 of INAF Administrative Board dated 21 December 2023 appointing Dr. Andrea DE LUCA as Director of Istituto di Astrofisica Spaziale e Fisica Cosmica di Milano for three years starting from 01 January 2024;

**In accordance with** the resolution of INAF Board dated 15 May 2020 and the implementation note of INAF Directorate General prot. n. 2491 dated 16 May 2020 regarding the “Adoption of the regulation for the rationalization of temporary personnel recruitment and for the awarding of research fellowships and regulation of the transitional regime” specifying that the present selection procedure is simultaneously aimed at:

- offering an opportunity of professional growth to young people with a Ph.D. degree, to researcher fellows and to temporary workers, who want to experience the national and international circuit of research, in a perspective of rotation and mobility, that is acquire specific expertise in the context of temporary projects and/or activities;
- holding positions beyond the planning of permanent staff needs and that, consequently, do not constitute any binding assumption for the placing in INAF permanent positions”;

**In accordance with** the resolution of INAF Board dated 5 June 2020, no. 54, which approved the "Regulation for the rationalization of temporary personnel recruitment and for the awarding of research fellowships”;

**In accordance with** Italian Law n. 18, dated 24 February 2024, converted with modifications from Decree-Law n. 198, dated 29 December 2023 (aka Decreto Milleproroghe), containing "*Urgent rules concerning legislative terms. Extensions of time-limits for the exercise of legislative delegations*", and, in particular, Article 6, regarding the "*extensions of time-limits in the matter of university and research*";

**In accordance with** the request by dr. Paolo Franzetti, Scientific Coordinator of the activities related to this Call for the project "WST Grant Agreement nr.101183153 (ref. Maria Sofia Randich)"

**In accordance with** the Grant Agreement no. 101183153 between the European Research Executive Agency (REA) and various institutions, including the National Institute for Astrophysics, was entered into on October 7, 2024."

**In accordance with** the note dated December 3, 2024, protocol number 0000842 of December 5, 2024, by which Dr. Maria Sofia Randich, in her capacity as the national PI of the project 'WST Grant Agreement no. 101183153,' communicates that the pre-financing amount of €443,405.62, corresponding to 75% of the total amount allocated to INAF, has been earmarked by the Arcetri Astrophysical Observatory in the 2025 budget under the item 1.05.02.12.19 'Project WST Grant Agreement no. 101183153 Resp. Sofia Randich,' and that, consequently, the portion pertaining to IASF Milan, amounting to €84,815.00, will be reallocated in 2025 as soon as transfers between structures become feasible again

**Ascertained that** the financial coverage of the grant, with a total cost of €32,071.78, will be ensured by the share allocated to IASF Milan under the project 'WST Grant Agreement no. 101183153 (ref. Maria Sofia Randich)

**In accordance with** the resolution n.89 dated 11 December 2024

**Considering** the importance of the role advertised in the competition within the framework of the WST project;

**Deeming** that the presence of the Christmas holidays during the validity period of the competition may have potentially limited the dissemination of the competition notice within the national and international scientific community;

## **DECREES**

### **Art. 1 Extension of the deadline for submitting applications**

The deadline for submitting applications to participate in the selection procedure, as indicated in Article 3, paragraph 1 of the call for applications, is extended to 11:59 PM on February 28, 2025.

All other provisions of the call remain unchanged.

This extension is published through the same channels used for the publication of the original call.

Milano, 2025, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

The Director  
Dr. Andrea De Luca